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## Notes on the 1876 Journal

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- Martha notes that New Year's Day is beautiful - warm sunshine. The children were able to play outside all day! almost seemed like Spring. She writes that she and Fannie (eldest of the children) are settling alone, the three little brothers having been tucked away snugly in their beds.
- Mr. Mc returns home, bringing New Years presents - a velocipede for the boys, a picture for Fannie, and two books for Martha. (Note: Martha in early days of the marriage - when writing of her husband calls him "Jannie" now, she uses "Mr. Mc". As the MacMillans settled here in Greene County, they were using the Mc prefix to their name; in the early 1900s most of the

David McMillan descendants decided to use the MAC prefix, which noted the Scotch heritage. Having come from Scotland, and through Ireland, they could use either one - so, some chose to make MAC their official spelling.)

- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the New Year she notes that Mr. Mc heard the children repeat the catechism, and pray their prayers - a ritual which she usually heard.
- March 11, 1876 - they are blessed with a baby girl which they name Clara Lucille.